

ARTICLES

To be enquired of,
within the Archdeaconary of *Middlesex*,
by the Church-wardens & Sworne-
men in euery Parish.

And presentment to be made thereof
to the Arch-deacon.

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With particular Answers vnto
euery Article.



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The tenor of the Oath ministred to the
Church-Wardens and Sworne-men.

WE shall sweare, that all affections, fauour, hatred,
hope of reward, or gaine, or feare of displeasure
or malice set aside, you shall vpon due considera-
tion of the Articles giuen you in charge present
all and euery such person, of, or within your Pa-
rish, as hath committed any offence or fault, or made by de-
fault mentioned in any of these Articles, or which are vehem-
ently suspected, or otherwise defamed of any such offence,
fault or default, wherein you shall deale vprightly and accord-
ing to equitie: neither of malice presenting any contrarie
to Truth, nor of corrupt affection sparing to present any, and
so conceale the Truth, hauing in this action God before your
eyes, with an earnest zeale to maintaine truth, and to suppress
vice: So helpe you God and his faithfull promises in Christ
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Archdeaconarie of Middlesex, for this present
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Whether hath your Minister read the Constitutions set forth by
his Maiesty, once every yeare, vpon some Sundayes or Holidayes,
in the afternone, befoze diuine seruice: according as by the Ca-
nons he is bounde

2 Whether doth your Minister vse to pray for the Kings Maiesty, King
James, and for the Quenes Maiesty, Prince Charles, Fredericke Count Pa-
laine of the Rheine, with the Lady Elizabeth his Wife, giuing vnto his
highnesse such stile and title of Supreme Governour of all causes, and ouer
all persons, as well Ecclesiasticall as temporall, as by lawe are due vnto him,
exhorting their Parishioners to geue him obedience according to the same;
and also in their said Sermons; doe pray for all Arch-bishops, Bishops, and
other Ecclesiasticall persons, according to the 55. Canon.

3 Whether is the prescript forme of diuine seruice vsed by your Minister
vpon Sundayes, Holydayes, Wednesdayes, and Frydayes, according to the
booke of Common prayer. And whether doth your Minister duly obserue all the
orders, rites, and ceremonies prescribed in the said booke of Common Prayer;
as well in reading publike prayers, the Letanie, as also in administering the
Sacraments, in such manner and forme, wearing the Surples, as by the booke
of Common Prayer by lawe now established is inioyned.

4 Whether doth your Minister administer the holy Communion so
often, and at such times as that every Parishioner may receiue the same,
at the least thrice every yeare, whereof one at Easter, as by the booke of
Common Prayer is appointed. And whether doth your Minister receiue
the same himselfe on every day that he administreth it to others, kneeling
at the same, and administreth it to none but to such as doe kneele at the re-
ceiuing thereof, and vse the words of the Institution according to the
Booke, at every time that the bread and wine is receiued, in such manner
and forme as by the promise of the 21. Canon is directed, or wherein is he

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faultie, and whether is warning giuen by him befoze hand fo: the Communion as the 22. Canon requireth.

5 Whether hath your Minister admitted any notozious offenders, or Schismatics to the Communion: contrary to the 26. and 27. Constitutions, without satisfaction by due course of Law befoze enioyned them; or rejected any from the Communion, who were not by publike presentment, or other open scandal, infamous; and detected of some notozious crime by common fame published in the Parish.

6 Whether the Minister, together with the Churchwardens & Churchmen, doe take diligent heed and care, that not onely all and euery of your owne Parishoners doe receiue thye in euery yeare, as aforesaid: but also that no strangers of any other Parish doe so: take their owne Minister and Parish, to receiue with you, contrary to the 28. Canon.

7 Whether doth your Minister vse to signe the Children with the signe of the Crosse when they are baptized, according to the booke of Common Prayer, and the 30. Canon: and whether hee hath deferred, or wilfully refused to baptize any Infant in his Parish being in danger, hauing bene duely informed of the weaknesse thereof, & whether the Child hath dyed by his default without baptism, contrary to the 68. and 69. Canons.

8 Whether is your Minister continually resident with you vpon his benefice: or fo: how long time hath hee bene absent, and where is he resident for the most part, and what other benefice hath he.

9 Whether doth your Minister, being a Preacher, preach vsually according to the constitutions, eyther in his owne cure with you once euery Sunday; or else in some other Church or Chappell nere adioyning, where no Preacher is, according to the 45. Canon, or how hath he bene negligent in that behalfe.

10 Whether is your Minister a Preacher allowed: if yea, then by whome: if no, whether doth he procure Sermons to be preached among you once in euery moneth at the least, by such as are lawfully licensed, according to the 46. Canon, or doth contribute toward a licensed Preacher, if his living will beare it.

11 Whether hath your Minister another benefice: and whether doth he supply his absence by a Curate, that is sufficiently licensed to preach in that cure of his, wherco: he himselfe is not resident: or other wise in case he doe not finde a preaching Minister there, by reason of the smalnesse thereof, whether doth he preach at both his benefices vsually himselfe, according to the 47. Canon.

12 Whether is your Preacher or Curate licensed to preach or serue the Cure, by the Bishop of this Diocess, or by any other, and by whom: whether

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both your Minister or Curate, serue more cures then one, contrary to the 48. Canon. If yea, then what other cure doth he also serue?

13 If your Minister be not licensed to preach as aforesaid, whether doth he reade Homilies, or rather take vpon him to expound the Scriptures either in his owne cure or else where, contrary to the 49. Canon: If yea, then you are to present him, and specifie the place where he so hath preached.

14 Whether hath any person bene admitted to preach within your Church or Chappell, but such as you haue well knowne to be sufficiently licensed: to whom haue you so admitted: you shall present their names, and how often haue any such bene admitted to preach, and by whose procurement: and whether haue you caused euery strange Preacher, licensed or not licensed, to subscribe his name, together with the day when he preached, according to the 50. and 51. Canons: and if it were licensed, then by whom he was licensed: And whether haue they or any other preached in your Church not being soberly and decently apparelled according to the 47. Canon.

15 Whether doth your Lecturer and Preacher reade diuine Service, and administer the sacraments in his owne person twice every yeare, observing all the Ceremonies in the booke of Common Prayer: Established according to the 56. Canon.

16 Whether doth your Minister weare the Surples whilest he is saying the publike prayers, and administering the Sacraments: And if he be any Graduate, whether then doth he also weare vpon his Surples, during the times aforesaid, such a hood, as by the orders of his Vniuersitie is agreeable to his degree, according to the 58. Canon.

17 Whether doth your Minister euery Sunday and Holy day, before Evening Prayer, for halfe an houre or more, examine and instruct the youth, and ignorant persons of his Parish, in the ten Commandements the Articles of beliefe, and the Lords Prayer, as also in the Catechisme last set forth in the booke of Common Prayer, whereby the children of the Parish may be prepared for confirmation, according the 90. Canon.

18 Whether hath your Minister without license from the Archbishop, the Bishop of the Diocese, or his Chancelor, or without Licence vnder the seale of office of the Archdeacon or his officiall, solemnized marriage betwixt any parties, the Banes not being three seuerall Sundayes or Holly dayes first published in time of diuine seruice, in the seuerall Churches or Chappells of their seuerall abode, according to the booke of common Prayer, And the 62. Canon: and that also betwixt the houres of eight and twelue in the forenone, contrary to the 102. Canon. And whether hath your Minister in the times prohibited married, and without such Licence, notwithstanding the banes haue bene asked, as you doe knowe, beleue, or haue heard say.

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19 Whether hath your Minister, since the last Canons published, solemniized any marriage betwixt any persons, being under the age of 21. yeeres, although the Wanes be thrice asked, before such time as the parents haue made knowe vnto him their consent thereunto, contrary to the 99. and 100. Canons: and whether hath he married any of another Diocesse, and who are they, and by what authoritie, and when.

20 Whether doth your Minister vpon Sundayes at morning prayer, declare vnto the Parishioners what holy dayes and fasting dayes are appointed to be kept the weeke following, according to the 64. Canon, whereby they may be put in minde to prepare themselves accordingly, and to repair to the Church to publike prayer, as by lawe they are bound.

21 Whether doth your Minister in the Rogation dayes, vse the perambulation of the circuit of the parish appointed by lawe, and in the same perambulation, moue the people to giue thanks to God for his benefits using such Psalmes, Prayers, Homilies, as are to that end set forth.

22 Whether doth any man (being neither Minister nor Deacon) reade Common-prayer openly in your Church or Chappell, or administer the Sacrament of Baptisme, or solemnize Matrimonie, or take vpon him to practise any other ministeriall dutie in the Church, that is prescribed to be executed particularly by such as are either Ministers, or Deacons, and what is his name that so doth.

23 Whether doth your Minister euery yeer moneths denounce in his parish, all such of his parish, as doe perseuer in the sentence of excommunication, not seeking to be absolved: and whether hath he admitted any person excommunicate, into the Church, without a Certificate of his absolution from the Synodiarie or other competent Judge, vnder his seale, according to the Canons.

24 Whether doth your Minister being a Preacher, endeauour and labour diligently with mildenes and temperance to conferre with, and thereby to reclaim the Popish Recusants in his parish from their errors, if there be any such there being: and whether is he painefull in visitation of the sick, according to the booke of Common-prayer, and the Canons in that case provided.

25 Whether is your Parson, Vicar, Lecturer, or Curate, too much frequent or ouer conuersant with, or a fauourour of Recusants, whereby he may be suspected not to be sincere in Religion.

26 Whether hath your Minister, or any other, taking vpon him the place of a Minister, preached, baptized children (vnlesse in case of necessitie) solemnized marriage, churched any woman, or ministered the holy Communion in any priuate house or houses: if yea, then where, whome, and how often hath

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helo offended in any of the premises.

27 Whether hath your Minister taken vpon him to appoynt any publike oppinate fasss or prophesies, not approued and established by lawe or publike authoritie: or hath he attempted vpon any pretence either of possession, by fasting and prayer to cast out deuills, contrary vnto the 72. Canon.

28 Whether hath your Minister, or any other person or persons within your Parish vsed to meete in any priuate house or other place, and to hold priuate conuenticles, contrary to the 73. Canon: if yea, then you shall present them all and every one of them.

29 Whether doth your Minister vse such derencie and comelineesse in his apparrell, as by the 74. constitution is enioyned him, as well at home as when he goeth abroad.

30 Whether doe you know in your Parish, any that hauing heretofore taken vpon him or them, the order of Priest-hood or of a Deacon, hath since relinquished the same, and betaken himselfe to the course of his life, a Layman, neglecting his vocation: if yea, then you shall present his name and the place of his abode.

31 Whether is your Minister noted or defamed to haue obtained his Benefice by Symony, or reputed to be an incontinent person, or doth keepe any man or woman in his house, that are suspected either to be of euill religion, or bad life, himselfe to be a common drunkard, or to be a common hunter of Tawerns, Alehouses, or other suspected places, a common gamester or player at dice, or other vniawfull games, a common sweater, or notorious person, or faulty in any other crime punishable by Ecclesiasticall censures, whereby he is offensive and scandalous to his function or ministry.

32 Whether doth your Minister vse the forme of thanksgiving to women after their childbirth, and whether hath he admitted any thereunto that was begotten with childe in adultery or fornication, without license of his Ordinary, and whether haue any married wiuces refused to come to Church, according to the booke of Common Prayer, to giue God thanks after childbirth: if any be faulty herein, you shall present their names.

33 Whether doth your Minister baptize any children in any Basin, or other vessels, then in the ordinary Font being placed in the Church, according to the 81. Canon: or doth vse to put any basin into it.

34 Whether in the time of diuine Service, and of every part thereof, all due reuerence is vsed: no man then conering his head, all manner of persons kneeling when Prayers are read, and standing by at the saying of the Benedicte, according to the order prescribed.

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VVhether haue you in your seuerall Churches and Chappells the Booke of Constitutions or Canons Ecclesiasticall, ready to be read by your Minister, according to his Maiesties pleasure, published by his highnes authority vnder the great Seale of England.

2 Whether is there in your Church or Chappell, one parchment register Booke, provided for Christnings, Mariages, and Burialls: and whether is the same duely and exactly kept, according to the Constitutions in that case provided, and a transcript thereof brought in yearely within one moneth after Easter, into my Lord Bishops principall Registers office: and whether doth your Minister vpon euery Sunday reade the names of all such as haue bene married, christned, or buried the weeke before?

3 Whether haue you provided the Booke of Common Prayer lately commaunded by his Maiesties authority onely to be used, and the Booke of Psalmes, and two Psalters: and whether haue you in your Church or Chappell a Font of stone, set vp in the ancient vsuall place: a conuenient and decent Communion table standing vpon a frame, with a Carpet of silke, or some other decent stuffe: and a faire Linnen cloth to lay thereon at the Communion time: and whether is the same then placed in such conuenient sort within the Chancel of Church, as that the Minister may be best heard in his Prayer and administration, and that the greater number may communicate: and whether are the ten Commaundements set vp on the East end of your Church or Chappell, where the people may best see and reade them, and other sentences of holy Scriptures written on the walls liketowise for the same purpose?

4 Whether haue you a conuenient seate for the Minister to reade sermons in, together with a comely Pulpit set vp in a conuenient place, with a decent cloth or Cushion for the same: a comely large Surples, a sayre Communion Cup of silver, and a couer agreeable for the same, with all other things and ornaments necessary for the celebration of diuine Service, and administration of the Sacraments, and a strong chest for the almes of the poore, with three lockes and keyes, and another chest for the keeping of the ornaments of the Church, and Register Booke.

5 How many Bells are there at this present, hanging in the Welfre of your Parish Church, and how many haue there bene heretofore: whether any of your said Bells haue bene taken downe and sold, or made away: and what other Church goods are now wanting in your Church.

6 Whether are your Church or Chappells with the Chancells thereof, and your Parsonage or Vicarage house, and all other housing thereto belonging, in good reparations, and decently and comely kept, aswell within

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as without : the seates well maintained, your Churchyardes well fenced, and kept without abuse, according to the 85 Canon : if not, then thyng whose default, and what defects are : All these things in these Articles to be prepared, according to the Canons vnder the title appertaining to Churches.

Articles concerning Schoole-masters.

WHether the Scholemaster or Scholemasters within your Parish, openly or priuately, in any Noble or Gentlemans house, or in any other place, be of good and sincere Religion, life and conuersation, and be diligent in the teaching and bringing vp of youth : and whether they haue bene examined, allowed and licensed for Schoole maisters, by the Ordinarie in that behalfe : and how many seuerall Schoole-masters haue you, and what be their names.

2 Whether your Schoole-master, or Schoole-masters doe themselves receiue the holy Communion as often as they ought to doe : and whether doe all their Schollers, which be of age sufficient, and of capacitie, by instruction, to receiue the Lords Supper, come to the Communion either in your Church, or where their Parents dwell, once euery yere, and be diligent to heare Common Prayer.

3 Whether the Schoole-master, or Schoole-masters, either private or publike, doe teach their Schollers the Catechisme authorized by publike authority, at the least once euery weeke, and doe instruct and examine them in the same, or doe teach any other Catechisme, and what Catechisme it is that they doe teach.

4 Whether your Schoole-master, or Schoole-masters, or any of them be knowne or suspected to reade vnto their Schollers priuately, any vnlawfull Bookes, or priuately to instruct them in their young yeres, either in Popery, superstition, disobedience, or contempt to his Maiestie, and his Lawes Ecclesiasticall by publike authoritie allowed.

5 What recusant Papists are there in your Parish, and whether doe they, or any of them keepe any Schoole-master in their house, which cometh not to Church to heare Diuine seruice, and receiue the Communion : what is his name, and how long hath he taught.

6 Whether the Schoole-master, or Schoole-masters within your Parish, doe teach his or their Schollers any other Grammer, then that which is called the Kings Grammer, set forth by the authoritie of King Henry the eight, teaching the prescript forme thereof, whereby the Schollers may perfectly vnderstand their Grammer rules and constructions.

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Articles concerning Parishioners, Ecclesiasticall Officers,
and others of the Laytie.

Whether is there any within your Parish, that hath, or doth impugn the Kings Maiesties Supremacie and authoritie in causes Ecclesiasticall, or doe any way, or in any part impeach the same, being restored to the Crowne by the lawes of this Realme established on that behalfe.

2 Whether is there any in your Parish that denieth the Church of England by law established vnder the Kings most excellent Maiestie to be a true and Apostolicall Church, teaching & maintaining the doctrine of the Apostles.

3 Whether is there any in your Parish, that doth impugn any of the Articles of Religion agreed vpon in An. 1562. and established in the Church of England.

4 Whether is there any in your Parish that doe impugn or speake against the rites and ceremonies established in the Church of England, or the lawfull vse of them: you shall present their names.

5 Whether are there any in your Parish that doe impugn the government of the Church of England, vnder the Kings most excellent Maiestie, by Archbishops, Bishops, Deanes, arch Deacons, and the rest that beare office in the same, affirming that the same is Antichristian, or repugnant to the word of God.

6 Whether is there any in your Parish that impugn the forme of consecration and ordaining of Archbishops, Bishops, Priests, or Deacons, affirming that the same is repugnant to the word of God, or that they, who are so ordered in the same forme, are not lawfully made.

7 Whether is there any in your Parish that doth hold or frequent any conventicles, or priuate meetings, and there doe conferre or agree vpon any priuate orders, other then such as are by the Canons set forth by public authority, to be by them or any others in Church government obserued.

8 Whether any persons haue larked or tipled in Taneris or Ale-houses on Sundayes, or other Holy dayes, or bled his, or their manuell craft, trade, or mysterie, or any bodily labour, or kept their shoppes open vpon the said dayes, or any of them, especially in the time of diuine seruice?

9 Whether are there any in your parish that doe, or haue prophaned (since his Maiesties last generall pardon) the Lords day, called Sunday, or other Holy day, contrary to the orders of the Church of England, prescribed in that behalfe?

10 Whether hath any person in your parish quarrelled, stricken, or bled any violence vnto, or with your Minister, or any other in the Church, or Church yard, or bled himselfe disorderly in the Church, by filthy and prophane talke, or any other rude and immodest behauiour?

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11 Whether is that due reuerence and humble submission vsed within your Church or Chappell in the time of diuine Seruice, as by the eighteenth Constitution is prescribed: and whether each one in the Church or Chappell, doe apply and order himselfe there in the time of diuine Seruice, as by the latter part of the same Constitution is most commendably enicpned:

12 Whether the Church-wardens and Quest-men doe euery Sunday and Holy-day diligently search who absenteth himselfe, or her selfe from Church: and whether doe they suffer any to abide in the Church-porch, or Church-yard, in the time of Common prayer or Sermon:

13 Whether the Church-wardens doe prouide against enery Communion, with the aduice of the Minister, a sufficient quantitie of fine white bread, and of good and wholesome wine, for the number of the Communicants that shall receiue, and that to be brought in a cleane and swete standing Pot of Pewter, or other pure Mettall:

14 Whether haue any in your Parish bene God fathers or God mothers to their owne Childzen: Or whether your Minister, or any Godfathers or God-mothers haue vsed, or doe vse any other forme, answer, or speech in Baptisme, then is in the Booke of Common prayer appoynted: Or whether any which haue not Communicated, be admitted to be Godfathers, or Godmothers, contrarie to the 29. Canon:

15 Whether is there any in your Parish that doe refuse to haue their childzen baptizd, or themselves to receiue the Communion at the hands of your Minister, because he is no Preacher: you shall present their names, And if your Minister, sithence the publishing of the said Booke of Canons, haue receiued any such persons (being not of his owne Cure) to the Communion, or baptized any of their Childzen, you shall likewise present him.

16 Whether doe all Fathers, Mothers, Pastors and Mistresses, cause their Childzen, Seruants, and Apprentices, to come to the Catechisme by-on the Sundayes and Holy-dayes befoze euening prayer, to heare and to be instructed and taught therein: and those that doe not their duties heerein, you shall present their names.

17 Whether haue you, or your Predecessors Church-wardens there suffered, since the last pardon, any Playes, Feasts, Banquets, Church-Ales, Drinkings, or any other prophane vsages to be kept in your Church, Chappels, or Church-yard, or Bells to be rung superstitiously by-on Holy-dayes, or Cues, abrogated by the Booke of Common Prayer, contrarie to the 68. Canon:

18 How many Inhabitants within your Parish, Men, or Women, above the age of Artaene yeeres, doe refuse to frequent diuine seruice, established by publike authoritie of this Realme, or to receiue the holy Communion,

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tion, or are negligent therein: what be their names, and of what degree, state, or trade of life are they: you are to present them all of each sort.

19 Whether doe any of the Inhabitants within your saide Parish, entertaine within their house any sojourners, lodgers, or any common resorters and guests, who refuse to frequent diuine Seruice, or receiue the holy Communion, as aforesaid: what be their names, and of what qualitie or condition they are?

20 Whether any of the said Popish Recusants be of insolent behaviour, not without publike offence, or doe boldly busie themselves, in seducing, or withdrawing others, either abroad or in their owne families, by instructing their children in Popish religion, or by refusing to entertaine any, especially in place of greatest seruice or trust, but such as concur with them in opinion of Religion: and what be their names that so doe?

21 How long the said Popish Recusants haue obstinately abstained either from diuine Seruice, or from the Communion, as is aforesaid, whether of any long time, or onely since his Maiesties raigne, and how long?

22 What persons aforesaid within your Parish, either for the offence aforesaid, or for any other contumacie or crime, doe remaine excommunicated: what be their names: and for what cause: and how long haue they so stood excommunicated.

23 Whether were you the Church wardens and Quest men chosen by the consent of the Minister and Parishioners, in the Easter week, according vnto the 89. and 90. Canon. And whether haue the Church wardens before you giuen by a iust account for their time, and deliuered to you their successors, whatsoeuer money or other thing of right belonging to the Church, which was in their hands: according to the 89. Canon.

24 Whether doe all persons above the age of sixteen yeres, vsually resort to heare diuine Seruice vpon Sundayes and Holy dayes approued: and whether hath each one of your Parishioners (being about the age of sixteen yeres, as aforesaid) receiued the holy Communion thrice this last yere, cheifely once at Easter, in your Parish Church kneeling: if no, then you shall present their name which haue not so done.

25 Whether haue you a fit Parish Clarke, aged twentie yeres at the least, of honest conversation, and sufficient for reading and writing: and whether he be paid his wages without fraude, according to the most ancient custome of your Parish: if not, then by whom is he so defrauded and denied: and whether he be chosen by the Parson or Vicar, or by whom, according to the 91. Canon?

26 Whether haue any in your Parish bene married within the prohibited degrees forbidden by the law, and expressed in a certaine Table published

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by authority in Anno. 1563. If yea, then you shall present their names: and whether haue you the said Table publickely set vp in your Church, and fastened to some conuenient place?

27 Whether doth any heretofore diuorced, or married and not diuorced, kepe company at bed and board as man and wife, with any other man or woman, then with the person that he or she was married vnto: and what be their names: If the parties now so lining together, say that they be married, when and where were they married: and how long haue they so continued together?

28 Whether haue you in your Parish to your knowledge, or by common fame and report, any which haue committed Adultery, Fornication, or Incest, or any Bawdes, harborers, or receiuers of such persons, or publickely suspected thereof, which haue not bene publickely punished to your knowledge: if yea, then with whome? And whether are there any which are by common fame and report reputed and taken to be common Drunkards, Blasphemers of Gods holy Name, common and vsuall swearers, filthy speakers, raplers, sowers of discorde among their Neighbours, or speakers against Ministers marriages: Usurers, contrary to the statute made in the tenth and thirtieth yere of King Henry the eight, Symoniacall persons; fighters, brawlers, or quarrellers in Church or Church-yard: you shall not faile to present their names.

29 Whether haue any in your Parish receiued or harboured any woman gotten with childe out of wedlocke, and suffered them againe to depart without penance first inflicted vpon them by their Ordinarie: you shall truly present as well the partie harbouring as harboured, and who is suspected to haue committed incontinencie with her.

30 Whether any person or persons suspected or detected heretofore of incontinencie, and therefore departing out of your Parish for a season, is now returned againe: or in what place else is he or she now abiding to your knowledge, or as you haue heard: you shall not faile to present the whole truth in that behalfe.

31 Whether there be any person or persons Ecclesiasticall or Temporall within your Parish, or elsewhere within the Archdeaconarie of Middlesex, that haue retayned and kept in their custodie, or that reade, sell, utter, disperse, carrie, or deliuer to others any English or Latine Bookes, or Libells, set forth or printed, either on this side or beyond the Seas, by Papists or Sectaries against the Kings Supremacie in causes Ecclesiasticall, or tending to Poperie, Puritanisme, or any other Sect, Errour, or Heresie, against true Religion, and Catholike doctrine, now publickely protested in this Church, or the gouernment or discipline of the Church of England; now within this

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Realme receiued and established by common authoritie, that you knowe or haue heard of, what their names and surnames are?

32 Whether there be any in your Parish who are knowne or suspected to conceale, or keepe hidden in their houses, any Masse Bookes, Possesses, Bynaries, or other Bookes of Poperie or superstition: or any Challes, Copes, vestments, Albes, or other ornaments of superstition, & cancellen, or vndeaced, which is to be coniectured that they doe keepe so; a day, as they call it.

33 Whether any of your Parishioners, hauing a Preacher to their Parson, Vicar, or Curate, doe absent themselves from his Sermons, and resorte to any other place to heare other Preachers.

34 Whether there be any Inne keepers, Alewives, Victuallers, or Tiplers, that suffer or doe admit any person, or persons in their houses to eate, drinke, or play at Dice, Cardes, Tables, Bowles, or such like games, in the time of Common prayer or Sermon, on Sundaies or Holy dayes: Or any butchers, or other, that commonly vse to sell meate or other things in the time of Common prayer, Preaching, or reading of Homilies: and whether in any Fayres, or common Markets, falling vpon Sundaies there be shewing of any Wares before morning Prayer be done? And whether any Markets or selling of Wares be vsed, or suffered in any Church-yards on the Sabbath day by common packemen and Pedlers going about, or any Butchers:

35 Whether hath your Minister, or any of the Parish, without the consent or priuie of the Ordinarie, caused any to doe penance, or to be punished either openly or otherwise, by any Vestrie meetings, or taken money for any crime punishable by the Ecclesiasticall lawes onely, and what be the names of the parties that haue bene so punished, and in what manner.

36 Whether there be any in your Parish who will come to heare the Sermon, but will not come to the publike prayer, appointed by the Book of common prayer, making a schisme or diuision (as it were) betwene the vse of publike prayer and preaching: and whether there be any who bring present at publike prayer, doe not deuoutly and humbly kneele vpon their knees, at such times as by the Booke of Common prayer they are appointed to wit, when they make a generall confession of their sins: when all Prayers and Collects are read: in the time of the Letanie: when the tenne Commendments are read: and at the receiuing of the holy Communion, and And what be their names that haue at any time shewed themselves vndutiful and vnreuerent in that behalfe:

37 Whether there be any married women, or others within your pa

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with, which after childe-birth refuse, contemne, or neglect, to come to the Church to giue God thanks for their safe deliuey, and to haue the prayers publickly appointed in that behalfe by the Booke of common prayer :

38 Whether any within your Parish doe resort into Barnes, fieldes, Woodes, priuate houses, to any extraordinary exposition of Scriptures, or conferences together, or that be drawers or perswaders of others to any such schismaticall conuenticle.

39 Whether any doe keepe their children unbaptized longer then is convenient, vnllesse that it be for the sicknesse of the child, or other vrgent occasion : And whether any doe carry their childe or children from the Parish they are bozne in, to other parishes to be baptized, and so refuse their owne Parish, and to what other Parish : or doe bring strange Ministers into their owne houses to baptize their children priuately, according to their owne fantasies :

40 Item, (Setting downe the full summe of the Communicants within your Parish) you shall present euery one who hath bene defective at this feast of Easter last past, in receiuing the holy Communion vpon neglect, contempt, or any other pretence and excuse.

41 Whether doe you knowe of any other matter of Ecclesiasticall cogizance touching the presentment, in your iudgement, heretofore in these Articles not expressed, and which is fit to be reformed in Ecclesiasticall censure : If you doe, you shall likewise present the same by vertue of your oathes.

42 Whether hath your Minister kept any Excommunication in his custodie vnpublished against any of his Parishioners, aboue the space of xx. dayes next after the receit thereof, without some lawfull Certificat of the absolution of any such excommunicate person, or of some lawfull warrant for the stay of the same Excommunication.

43 Whether hath your Minister admitted any excommunicate person to the holy Communion before he hath receiued a Certificat of the absolution of the same partie : And whether haue you permitted any excommunicate person either of your own Parish or of any other Parish, to heare diuine Service in your parish Church, since the time you tooke vpon you the office of Churchwardens within your said Parish : If yea, set downe the names of the same parties.

44 Whether hath your Minister absolved any excommunicate person or persons of your Parish, or of any other Parish within the Archdeaconarie or Bishoppes, within the space of a yere last past, without a speciall warrant in writing vnder the hands of the Iudge and Register of this Court, or of one of them : If yea, what are the names of such person or persons which he hath so absolved.

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45 Whether hath your Minister, your selues, or your predecessors Church wardens of your parish so: the yere last past, presented any person or persons of your said parish to the Chancello: of the reuerend Father in God the Lord Bishop of London (saying in the Visitation of the sayd Lord Bishop.) And whether hath your Minister, your selues, or your predecessors Church wardens of your said parish, so: the yere last past, presented any person or persons to the Commisarie of the said reuerend Father in God. If yea, what are the names of such person or persons which you or they have so presented, and so: what did you or they present any such person or persons

46 Whether women being deliuered in time conuenient, after Childbirth doe come to Church to giue God thanks so: their safe deliuerie from the danger of Child-birth as is appointed by the booke of Common Prayer, whether are they apparrelled with a faire white haile of Linnen Cloth vnder their heads, and accompanied with some of the honest wiuues of their parish according to the auncient Custom of our Church of England, or whether any Minister doe reiect them, or wincke at such fantasticall women as refuse to doe? and whether your Minister doe church any br married women after they haue bene deliuered of their children begotten unlawfully befoze they haue acknowledged their faults according to the order prescribed by the Ordinarie or his deputie.

47 Whether the Church wardens at the end of their yere doe giue by writing a iust accompt befoze the Minister and Parishioners, of their receipts and disbursments, and whether they haue deliuered to the Parishioners all such money and other things of right belonging to the parish which remained in their hands, that the same may be deliuered by the Parishioners to the next Church wardens by bill indented according to the 89. Canon. And whether the Minister Church wardens, or any of the Parishioners haue withheld or detayned in their Custodie, or haue sold, alienated, wasted or spent any lead, Wells, or Bell-mettle, or any other of the Church goods or stocke of money: and let them specifie the names of such parties, and the whole and quantitie of the things detayned, sold or made away, as is aforesaid, and how long it is since.

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Articles to be inquired of, by the Minister, Church-wardens, and Sworne men of euery Parish within the Archdeaconrie of *Middlesex*, according to the speciall direction of certaine letters heretofore sent to the Lord Bishop of *London*, from the right Honorable the Lords of the priuie Counsell.

1. Item, Whether there be any in your Parish, either Parishioners, or Townsmen, or such as be late come out of other Countreies into your Parish, which they refuse to come to diuine Seruice to the Parish Church, or else where: and what be their names, and surnames, and how long they haue refused so to doe.

2. Item, How many of their wiues and children aboue the age of fiftene yeres, seruants and other sojourners, abiding in their houses, doe likewise refuse so to doe: and what be their names and surnames, and how long they haue refused so to doe?

3. Item, Whether there be any in your Parish, which be suspected to haue bene reconciled to the Popish Religion, or to haue bene absolved, or any that procure or counsell any thereunto: and what be their names and surnames.

4. Item, Whether there be any in your Parish which be suspected to be false Priests, reconcilers, Jesuits, Seminaries, or other persons, which haue received any orders or authority from the Romish Church, to vse the like: and what be their names and surnames.

5. Item, Whether there be any Schole-masters within your Parish, which doe not bring by their youth in the Religion now professed, or be not themselves diligent in repaying to diuine Seruice, or bringing their Schollers to it?

If euery Parish where any manner of person dwelleth or sojourneth, which refuseth to goe to some Church to heare diuine Seruice: the Minister and Church-wardens of that Parish are commanded euery Moneth from henceforth, to goe to euery such person with two or three honest witneses, and before those witneses, to require euery such person to repaie to the Church to heare diuine Seruice. And the said Minister and Church-wardens are commanded to send a Certificate in writing signed with the hands, markes, and seales of the said Minister, Church-wardens, and witneses, to their Archdeacon, alwaies on the tenth day before Midsummer day: on the tenth day before Christmas day: and on the tenth day before our Lady day in Lent.

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So as returne of such certificate may be made in time to the Custos rotulorum at every Sessions next ensuing those Feasts, testifying as well the manner and time of their admonishments of such Recusants whatsoever they be, as their answers. And when and whether they went to Church every Sunday after such admonition given to them, as aforesaid. And whether any such person hath wilfully withdrawne himselfe from taking or understanding such admonition: and also declaring the names, surnames, and abiding places of every one that shall offend in any part or clause of the above written Articles. This every Minister and Churchwarden is straitly charged to shew his diligence in, and effectually to doe, as they and every of them shall and will answer to the contrary, at their perils.

You shall bring your presentment into the Registrie of the Arch-deacon of Middlesex, ten dayes before every quarter, specifying the proper & surname, tytle, and addition of every person presented, and how many monthes they have refused to come to divine Service to their Parish Church, or else where, before the day of making your Presentment. And at the delivery of your said Presentment, you shall likewise set downe in the latter end thereof, the names of such as haue bene buried within your said Parish for the space of a quarter of a yeere last past before the date of your said Bill, being Men, Maides, or Widdowers.

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